

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 756

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins of Atlanta, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins of Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins was an extraordinary human being whose grace, compassion and dedication to her family, her community, and her faith will never be replaced; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean and the sister of our colleague, Representative Mary Pruitt, Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins was the eldest daughter of the eight children born to George and Jessie Johnson; and

WHEREAS, educated at Brentwood Elementary School, then Cameron Jr. High School and Pearl Senior High School in Nashville, she attended Tennessee State A & I, now known as Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual and devout individual, Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins graduated with Honors from Confirmed Word of Faith Bible College in Pasadena, California, and later served there as Assistant Staff Counselor; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and faithful member of Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena, California, and served with its Outreach Ministries program; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community and helping her fellow man, Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins was an advisory board member of the Jackie Robinson Center in Pasadena, California, and was a very active member of her local Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins is survived by her beloved daughter Newania Wess, and her devoted sister, Representative Mary Pruitt; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this gracious, compassionate and extraordinary human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jessie Mai Johnson Perkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.